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# Funding Newsletter

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Grant Opportunities and Resources for M-DCPS Educators, Students and Families



Intergovernmental Affairs, Grants Administration, and Community Engagement

## OCTOBER 2014

### Baseball Tomorrow Fund

The Baseball Tomorrow Fund (BTF) is a joint initiative of Major League Baseball and the Major League Baseball Player Association. BTF awards grants to nonprofit organizations involved in the operation of youth baseball and softball programs and facilities. The funds may be used to finance a new program, expand or improve an existing program, undertake a new collaborative effort, or obtain facilities or equipment necessary for youth baseball or softball programs. Grants are intended to provide funding for incremental programming and facilities for youth baseball and softball programs, not for normal operating expenses or as a substitute for existing funding or fundraising activities.

Award: \$40,000

Deadline: October 1, 2014

[http://www.mlbcommunity.org/programs/baseball\\_tomorrow\\_fund.jsp?content=grant\\_application](http://www.mlbcommunity.org/programs/baseball_tomorrow_fund.jsp?content=grant_application)



### Road Runners Club of America

In 2007, the Road Runners Club of America (RRCA) developed the Kids Run the Nation Fund to assist running clubs, events, and schools that are interested in implementing or currently have a youth running program. Since then, RRCA has awarded grants totaling \$95,000 and donated thousands of program guides and youth booklets to youth programs around the United States. Grants of up to \$1,000 will be awarded to running clubs and other nonprofits organizations to support structured youth running programs that utilize RRCA youth running materials. Program goals must include motivating kids to run regularly — at least once a week for multiple weeks — as opposed to participating in a single event. Funds may be used to purchase marketing materials; host a program website; offset fees for permits or usage fees for a local park or running track; purchase hydration supplies (water, Gatorade, cups, etc.); purchase participation awards (ribbons, shirts, patches, etc.); and/or purchase mileage logs or other written materials. Running clubs, events, and other organizations with an IRS 501(c)(3) designation are eligible to apply. Elementary and middle schools that provide an organized afterschool running program are eligible as well.

Award: Up to \$1,000

Deadline: October 1, 2014

<http://www.rrca.org/programs/kids-run-the-nation-fund/>

### Toshiba America Foundation (TAF) K-5 Grade Science and Math Programs

K-5 grade teachers are invited to apply for a Toshiba America Foundation grant to help bring an innovative hands-on science or math project into their own classroom. Toshiba America Foundation funding is usually directed to K-12 schools applicants. Educational nonprofits and universities working with K-12 teachers are occasionally considered, but please call the foundation first. Applications must be for project based learning; requests for computers will not be considered.

Award: \$1,000

Deadline: October 1, 2014

<http://www.toshiba.com/taf/>

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## **The GRAMMY Foundation Grant Program**

The GRAMMY Foundation Grant Program awards grants to organizations and individuals to support research on the impact of music on the human condition. Examples might include the study of the effects of music on mood, cognition and healing, as well as the medical and occupational well-being of music professionals and the creative process underlying music. Priority is given to projects with strong methodological design as well those addressing an important research question.

**Award:** Up to \$20,000

**Deadline:** Letters of Inquiry are due on October 1, 2014.

<http://www.grammy.org/grammy-foundation/grants>

## **Comerica Charitable Foundation Grants**

The Comerica Corporate Contributions program and Comerica Charitable Foundation work to support Comerica's objectives to have a strong and positive image in the communities where we do business. The Comerica Corporate Contributions Department provides monetary support to charitable 501(c)3 organizations within key markets areas of Texas, Michigan, California, Arizona and Florida whose mission meets one or more of the Foundation's giving priorities. Priorities include economic self-sufficiency for low- and moderate- income individuals and families, neighborhood revitalization, education, access to health care, and programs supporting diversity and inclusion. All charitable grant requests must be submitted online.

**Award:** Amount not specified

**Deadline:** October 1, 2014

<http://www.comerica.com/about-us/community-involvement/pages/charitable-giving.aspx>

## **National Art Education Foundation (NAEF) 2014 Art Educator Grants**

Applications are being accepted for programs that support classroom-based arts education. Through its 2014 grant cycle, NAEF is offering five funding opportunities: (1) Ruth Halvorsen Professional Development Grants for proposals that focus on understanding, implementation of, and issues related to the National Visual Arts Standards and/or which support the improvement of the teaching of art; (2) Mary McMullan Grants for projects that promote arts education; (3) NAEF Research Grants to support research in arts education; (4) SHIP Grants for arts educators seeking equipment and/or instructional resources needed to advance student learning; and (5) Teacher Incentive Grants for individual art educators to attend training and education programs that promote the improvement of the teaching of art. Grants are made only to NAEA members (including students and retired members).

**Award:** Up to \$10,000

**Deadline:** October 1, 2014 associations and recognized NAEA affiliates

<http://www.arteducators.org/grants/national-art-education-foundation>

## **KaBoom Let's Play Community Construction Grants**

Dr Pepper Snapple & KaBOOM! have teamed up to offer \$15,000 grants to be qualifying U.S.-based organizations to be used toward the purchase of playground equipment. Playgrounds must be assembled and installed using the KaBOOM! community-build model. For more information about the community build model, go to [kaboom.org/toolkit](http://kaboom.org/toolkit). Municipalities and child-serving nonprofit organizations without a playground or with existing equipment that is unsafe for children are eligible for this opportunity.

**Award:** \$15,000

**Deadline:** October 9, 2014

[http://kaboom.org/grants/build\\_it\\_yourself](http://kaboom.org/grants/build_it_yourself)

## **Basics of Grant Writing– Workshop I - Friday, October 24<sup>th</sup>, 2014**

M-DCPS Staff (Instructional/Administrative) can attend and receive 10 MPPs from Professional Development upon completion of class assignment within 30 days from date of class.

Call (305) 995-1706 for more information.

Sign-up for class through the Professional Development Website – REGISTER TODAY!

<http://calendar.dadeschools.net/cal/calendar.nsf>

## Florida Association for Water Quality Control Environmental Education Fund



The Florida Association for Water Quality Control E2 Fund was established to promote environmental education. The E2 Fund Grant is awarded annually to a school, a civic or community organization in the State of Florida. The award is based on the proposed project's overall environmental value as to: fostering awareness and understanding of a water related issue; being cost effective; basing the project on sound science principles; promoting involvement of students or citizens; and promoting enhancement of a water resource or associated habitat. In general, individual project budgets should not exceed \$1,000. Smaller grant applications will be given higher priority, so that the Fund may support as many worthwhile initiatives as possible. However, exceptional outreach projects in excess of \$1,000 may be considered from time to time.



**Award:** Up to \$1,000

**Deadline:** October 15, 2014

<http://www.fawqc.com/>

## National Education Association (NEA) Student Achievement Grants

The NEA Foundation provides grants to improve the academic achievement of students in U.S. public schools and public higher education institutions in any subject area(s). The proposed work should engage students in critical thinking and problem solving that deepen their knowledge of standards-based subject matter. The work should also improve students' habits of inquiry, self-directed learning, and critical reflection. Grant funds may not be used for resource materials, supplies, equipment, transportation, technology or scholars-in-residence. Grants will fund activities for 12 months from the date of the award.

**Award:** Up to \$5,000

**Deadline:** October 15, 2014

<http://www.neafoundation.org/pages/nea-student-achievement-grants/>

## National Education Association (NEA) Learning & Leadership Grants

The NEA Foundation provides grants to support public school teachers, public education support professionals, and to faculty and staff in public institutions of higher education for one of the following two purposes: grants to individuals to fund participation in high-quality professional development experiences, such as summer institutes or action research; or grants to groups to fund collegial study, including study groups, action research, lesson study, or mentoring experiences for faculty or staff new to an assignment. With the exception of study groups, applicants may not use grant funds to pay themselves stipends. Funds may not be used for lobbying or religious purposes.

**Award:** Up to \$5,000

**Deadline:** October 15, 2014

<http://www.neafoundation.org/pages/learning-leadership-grants/>

## Wild Ones Lorrie Otto Seeds for Education Fund

Wild Ones, a nonprofit environmental education and advocacy organization, is accepting applications from projects designed to strengthen an appreciation for nature in young people. Through the Lorrie Otto Seeds for Education Fund, grants of up to \$500 will be awarded for projects that emphasize the involvement of students and volunteers in all phases of development. Examples of appropriate projects include the establishment of a native plant community in an educational setting such as an outdoor classroom, developing and maintaining an interpretive trail landscaped with native plant communities, and/or developing a wetland area to study the effect of native vegetation on water-quality improvement. Schools, nature centers, and other nonprofit places of learning that focus on educating elementary through high school students in the United States, including houses of worship are eligible.

**Award:** Up to \$500

**Deadline:** October 15, 2014

<http://www.wildones.org/wp-content/uploads/2012/02/SFE-Cover-Letter.pdf>



## Conrad Foundation Spirit of Innovation Challenge

The annual program is a multi-phase, business and technical plan competition, free and open to students ages 13 to 18 from around the world. The Challenge celebrates the life and entrepreneurial spirit of astronaut Pete Conrad, third man to walk on the Moon. The program challenges teens to work in teams of 2-5 students and use science, technology, engineering and math skills along with creativity, collaboration and entrepreneurship to develop innovative products and services to benefit humanity and address global sustainability. Categories include: Aerospace and Aviation, Cyber technology and Security, Energy and Environment, and Health and Nutrition. Teams from afterschool programs, science clubs, home school organizations, and charter schools are also encouraged to participate.

**Award:** \$10,000

**Deadline:** October 15, 2014

<http://www.conradchallenge.org/>



CONRAD FOUNDATION

## United States Tennis Association Foundation

The USTA Foundation awards program grants twice a year to programs that support at-risk youth and people with disabilities through tennis and education programs designed to improve health, build character and strive for academic excellence. To date, the USTA Foundation has granted more than \$12 million to fund 247 programs in 184 cities in 47 states, including more than \$900,000 to adaptive tennis and wounded warrior programs for people with disabilities.

**Award:** Amount unspecified

**Deadline:** October 17, 2014

[http://www.ustafoundation.com/grants\\_and\\_scholarships/?intloc=headernav](http://www.ustafoundation.com/grants_and_scholarships/?intloc=headernav)



UNITED STATES TENNIS ASSOCIATION

## Media-Smart Youth Teen Leaders Program

NEW!

The National Institutes of Health is now accepting applications from young adults ages 15 to 20 for its Media-Smart Youth (MSY) Teen Leaders Program. MSY is a 10-lesson curriculum for youth ages 11 to 13 that explores media, nutrition, and physical activity. Throughout the program, youth analyze advertisements and make media messages of their own, try healthy snack recipes, and discover fun ways to be physically active. MSY teen leaders commit to carrying out the program from start to finish. In return, they receive leadership experience, community service hours, and recognition from the NIH, plus training and \$1,000 for program expenses.

**Award:** Training and \$1,000 for program expenses

**Deadline:** October 24, 2014

<http://nnlm.gov/scr/blog/2014/09/26/msy-teen-leaders-program/>

## Samsung's Solve for Tomorrow Contest

NEW!

Are you and your students innovative? Do you think you can use STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Math) to help solve an environmental challenge in your local community? Apply for Samsung's Solve for Tomorrow contest and become eligible for the Environmental Sustainability Innovation Award, in which your school can win an additional \$25,000 in Samsung technology! By filling out the application, you will be entered in the Samsung Solve for Tomorrow contest. Up to 255 teachers will be chosen to submit a lesson plan outlining how they will address the challenge, "Show how STEM can be applied to help your local community" and then 51 teachers will be chosen to have their classes create a video showcasing their solution to the challenge. All 51 chosen teachers will receive a video creation kit to help complete the task. These 51 teachers' schools will win a minimum of \$20,000 in technology grants and be eligible to win the Environmental Sustainability Innovation Award.

**Award:** Up to \$25,000

**Deadline:** October 31, 2014

<http://www.samsung.com/us/solvefortomorrow/contest/>



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## Whole Kids Foundation School Garden Grant Program

The School Garden Grant program provides a \$2,000 monetary grant to a K-12 school, or a non-profit working in partnership with a K-12 school, to support a new or existing edible garden on school grounds. Eligibility criteria:

1) School garden must be an edible school garden (such as growing fruits, vegetables, herbs, grains, etc) and located on the grounds of a K-12 school (public, private or charter, elementary, middle or secondary); 2) Applicant must be a nonprofit K-12 school (public, private or charter, elementary, middle or high) or a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization working in partnership with a K-12 school; 3) Applicant cannot be a previous recipient of a Whole Kids Foundation School Garden Grant; and 4) Applicant must have the participation and support of a specific partner organization from the community (such as a nonprofit, a farm, a local business, a Whole Foods store, or a garden club) that brings added support and sustainability to the initiative. The applicant, if a nonprofit, may be the community partner for this grant.

**Award:** \$2,000

**Deadline:** October 31, 2014

<https://www.wholekidsfoundation.org/index.php/schools/school-garden-grant-program>



## Office Depot Foundation

The Office Depot Foundation supports nonprofit organizations, government agencies, libraries, and schools that bring systemic change to communities. Grants average \$1,000 and are offered in three categories: "Giving Children Tools for Success," activities that give young people tools to succeed in school and in life through education and inspiration; "Building Capacity to Serve Communities," helps nonprofits serve the needs of their communities through innovation and collaboration; and "Disaster Preparedness, Relief, Recovery, and Rebuilding" helps people and communities prepare for disasters and rebuild and recover.

**Award:** Range from \$50 - \$3,000

**Deadline:** October 31, 2014

[http://officedepotfoundation.org/?page\\_id=214](http://officedepotfoundation.org/?page_id=214)



## "Parents Get Grants": Grant Writing Resources for M-DCPS Parents

The first "Grant Writing 101 for Parents" workshop was a success!

"Grant Writing 101 for Parents" workshop at the PTA Leadership Conference at Coral Park Senior High School.



Join us for our next "Grant Writing 101 for Parents" workshop at M-DCPS Fall Community Engagement Leadership Conference on Friday, October 10, 2014 from 8 a.m. – 3 p.m.

Click [here](#) to register

## Grant A Wish?

Miami-Dade County Public Schools grant writing assistance will guide parents to apply for grants in support of their schools.

## Parents Get Grants



## November 2014

### Best Buy Foundation Accepting Applications for National Youth Technology Program

NEW!

The Best Buy Foundation is accepting applications from nonprofit organizations for its National Youth Technology Program. The program provides youth with access to new technologies, and helps them become interested and fluent in digital learning while developing skills that better prepare them for future education and career success. Eligible applicants must be nonprofit organizations with existing out-of-school time programs with a proven track record of serving youth between the ages of 13 and 18 in underserved communities. In addition, programs must operate within twenty-five miles of a Best Buy store or other Best Buy center of operations; have a commitment to diversity and inclusion; be willing to integrate Geek Squad Academy curricula into existing programming (if appropriate); and have the ability to conduct programming in multiple targeted sites across the country.



Children's Foundation

**Award:** up to \$200,000

**Deadline:** November 1, 2014

<https://corporate.bestbuy.com/best-buy-foundation-national-partnership-request-for-proposals/>

NEW!

### The Leavey Awards Honoring Excellence

This annual program that recognizes educators at the elementary, junior high school, high school, and college levels for innovative and effective techniques related to the teaching of entrepreneurship and the free enterprise system. Up to twenty cash awards of \$7,500 each will be awarded. In addition, one meritorious award of \$15,000 may be presented for an outstanding entry. To be eligible, nominees must be a citizen or permanent resident of the United States employed full-time as an educator at an accredited American school (grades K-12), college, or university.

**Award:** Up to \$15,000

**Deadline:** November 1, 2014

<http://www.freedomsfoundation.org/awards-programs>

NEW!

### ArtPlace America Creative Placemaking Projects

ArtPlace America, a nationwide initiative to drive community revitalization through the arts, is inviting Letters of Inquiry for the fifth round of its National Grants program. A collaboration of thirteen major national and regional foundations, six of the nation's largest banks, and eight federal agencies, ArtPlace works to accelerate creative placemaking projects that involve cross-sector partners committed to strengthening the social, physical, and economic fabric of their communities. The initiative defines creative placemaking as "a means of investing in art and culture at the heart of a portfolio of integrated strategies that can drive vibrancy and diversity so powerful that it transforms communities."



**Award:** Up to \$500,000

**Deadline:** November 3, 2014

<http://www.artplaceamerica.org/loi/national-grants-summary/>

NEW!

### Prudential Spirit of Community Awards program

Prudential Financial and the National Association of Secondary School Principals are accepting applications for the Prudential Spirit of Community Awards program. The program annually honors middle and high school students in the United States who volunteer in communities, at home, or abroad. Local honorees will be selected by school principals, Girl Scout councils, county 4-H groups, American Red Cross chapters, YMCAs, and affiliates of the HandsOn Network. Several students in each state and the District of Columbia will be named runners-up, with one middle level and one high school student named a state honoree. State honorees will receive a \$1,000 cash award, a silver medallion, and an all-expense-paid trip to Washington, D.C., in May for special recognition events. In Washington, a national committee will select America's top youth volunteers from the state honorees.

**Award:** National honorees receive \$5,000 cash awards, gold medallions, crystal trophies for their nominating schools or organizations

**Deadline:** November 4, 2014

<http://spirit.prudential.com/view/page/soc>

## National Council of Teachers of Mathematics

The National Council of Teachers of Mathematics works to ensure equitable mathematics learning of the highest quality for all students through the vision, leadership, and professional development of mathematics teachers. To that end, NCTM is accepting applications for its Emerging Teacher-Leaders in Elementary School Mathematics Grants for Grades Pre-K–5 Teachers program, which aims



to increase the breadth and depth of the mathematics content knowledge of one elementary school teacher who has a demonstrated commitment to mathematics teaching and learning. Grants of up to \$6,000 will be awarded for the professional development of an elementary school mathematics teacher with mathematics content expertise. Grantees will be expected to provide ongoing professional development to teachers within the school or district to strengthen their mathematical understanding and instructional practices. This must include sustained in-service programs focused on improving the content knowledge of the elementary teachers within the school or district and working with teachers in their classrooms through demonstration teaching or co-teaching. To be eligible, applicants must be current NCTM members (on or before October 15, 2014); be a classroom (elementary school) teacher with at least three years of experience; and have mathematics as a regular teaching responsibility.

**Award:** Up to \$6,000

**Deadline:** November 7, 2014

<http://www.nctm.org/resources/content.aspx?id=1310>

## National Youth Leadership Council Youth Leadership for Service-Learning Excellence Award

The National Youth Leadership Council would like to recognize K-12 service-learning programs and projects that demonstrate outstanding youth leadership through its 2015 Youth Leadership for Service-Learning Excellence Award. The award focuses on projects that uniquely demonstrate youth leadership for service-learning excellence incorporating key elements of high-quality service-learning and having a sustainable impact on the participants and the broader community. Representatives from the National Youth Leadership Council will review applications. One winner will be selected to receive this award at More Powerful Together in Washington D.C., April 9-11, 2015. The winner will receive \$1,000 to support the program, along with travel, lodging, and registration for the conference for two youth participants and one adult leader. Each youth involved in the winning program will receive an award certificate.

**Award:** Up to \$1,000

**Deadline:** November 7, 2014

[http://servicelearningconference.org/2015/get\\_involved/awards.php](http://servicelearningconference.org/2015/get_involved/awards.php)

## Using Music to Teach Mathematics Grant

The National Council of Teachers of Mathematics is accepting applications from teachers of pre-K through 2<sup>nd</sup> grade mathematics for projects that incorporate music into the elementary school classroom to help young students learn mathematics. For 2015-16, grants of up to \$3,000 will be awarded to individuals classroom teachers or small group of teachers collaborating in one grade or across grade levels. Any acquisition of equipment must support the proposed plan but not be the primary focus of the grant. Proposals must address the combining of mathematics and music, planning for improving students' learning of mathematics, and/or the anticipated impact on students' achievement.

**Award:** Up to \$3,000

**Deadline:** November 7, 2014

<http://www.nctm.org/resources/content.aspx?id=1318>

## The National Council of Teachers of Mathematics

The National Council of Teachers of Mathematics supports teachers with the aim of ensuring equitable mathematics learning of the highest quality for all students through vision, leadership, professional development, and research. To that end, NCTM is accepting applications for its Teacher Professional Development Grants for Grades 6–8 Teachers Grant program, which supports professional development to improve the teaching competence of one or more classroom math teachers. For 2015–16, grants of up to \$3,000 each will be awarded to persons currently teaching mathematics in grades 6-8. The proposal must delineate the teacher(s)' professional development plan and address how the proposed project will improve the teacher(s)' competence and affect students' learning. While the grant does not fund the purchase of technology, proposals including professional development involving the use of technology to enhance student learning are encouraged.

**Award:** \$3,000

**Deadline:** November 7, 2014

<http://www.nctm.org/resources/content.aspx?id=1314>

## Westinghouse Electric Company N-Visioning A Brighter Future

Westinghouse Electric Company is looking to fund elementary, middle or high schools STEM-based hands-on projects. Any creative hands-on project dealing with STEM will be considered. Projects must be completed during the current school year. Grants may be used to compensate experts who come to work with students, but not to pay teachers or staff. Funds may also be used to purchase equipment or to provide field trip transportation. Equipment and trips should be just one component of a well-planned project, integrated with other curriculum materials and activities. Grants can be used to help cover the cost of materials, supplies and other expenses conducting local workshops or training sessions.

**Award:** Up to \$3,000

**Deadline:** November 14, 2014

[http://www.westinghousenuclear.com/docs/n\\_vision\\_grant.pdf](http://www.westinghousenuclear.com/docs/n_vision_grant.pdf)

## International Reading Association Regie Routman Teacher Recognition Grant

The International Reading Association (IRA) is a nonprofit network of individuals and institutions committed to worldwide literacy. More than 53,000 members strong, the association supports literacy professionals through a range of resources, advocacy efforts, volunteerism, and professional development activities. To help further its mission, IRA is accepting applications for the 2015 Regie Routman Teacher Recognition grant. A single grant of \$2,500 will be awarded to an outstanding elementary school teacher dedicated to improving the teaching and learning of reading and writing across the curriculum. To be eligible, a teacher must be a member of IRA and at least 60 percent of his/her school's students must be eligible for free or reduced-price lunch.

**Award:** \$2,500

**Deadline:** November 15, 2014

[http://www.reading.org/Resources/AwardsandGrants/teachers\\_routman.aspx](http://www.reading.org/Resources/AwardsandGrants/teachers_routman.aspx)

## National Science Teachers Association Shell Science Teaching Award

This annual program recognizes an outstanding K-12 classroom teacher who has had a positive impact on his/her students, school, and community through exemplary science teaching. The award includes a \$10,000 cash prize and an all-expense paid trip to attend the National Science Teachers Association national conference; two finalists also will receive all-expense-paid trips to the conference. Nominees must be K-12 classroom teachers whose responsibilities include teaching science. In addition, nominees must have a minimum of eight years of experience (not including the current school year) as a teacher of science, and must teach in a private or public school in the United States, a U.S. territory, a Department of Defense school, or Canada.

**Award:** Up to \$10,000

**Deadline:** November 18, 2014

<http://www.nsta.org/about/awards.aspx>

**NEW!**

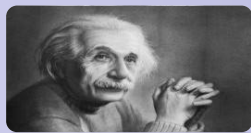
## Air Force Association Educator Grants

Every school year, the Air Force Association gives up to \$250 to projects that significantly influence student learning. The Educator Grant Program promotes aerospace education activities in K-12 classrooms and encourages development of innovative aerospace activities within the prescribed curriculum. The grant process is competitive in nature. A committee comprised of outside experts in the field of aerospace education will review all qualified grant applications and make recommendations on funding. Based upon the funding available, the Association will choose to invest in projects that best serve our nation's students and support the mission of the Air Force Association.

**Award:** Up to \$250

**Deadline:** November 19, 2014

<http://www.afa.org/AFA/InformationFor/Teachers/EducatorGrants>



*"We cannot solve our problems with the same thinking we used when we created them"*

Albert Einstein (March 14, 1879 – April 18, 1955)



## Verizon Innovative App Challenge

The Verizon Innovative App Challenge is an exciting, creative and collaborative competition that offers \$20,000 grants for winning middle schools and high schools and Samsung Galaxy Tabs for students on the winning teams.

Designed to ignite students' interest in science, technology, engineering and math (STEM), the Challenge shows students exciting new possibilities for their futures, opening doors they may never have known were there. While

designing their apps, students consider marketplace need, usefulness, audience and viability and align their app concept with one of the three Verizon Foundation focus areas of Education, Healthcare or Sustainability. Teams submit their design concepts online through an App Concept Overview and Summary, a three-to-five minute Video and Essay Responses. The top middle school and top high school teams that meet all contest requirements will be named "Best in State" and be eligible for consideration as "Best in Region" winners. Team members will be invited to participate in a live STEM related webinar hosted by the Verizon Foundation.

**Award:** Up to \$20,000

**Deadline:** November 24, 2014

<http://appchallenge.tsaweb.org/>



**GATHER YOUR TEAM.**

**DREAM UP YOUR APP IDEA.**

**WIN \$20,000 FOR YOUR SCHOOL!**



## Paul G. Allen Family Foundation Teach for the Planet Challenge

**NEW!**

DonorsChoose.org, in partnership with the Paul G. Allen Family Foundation, is accepting submissions from K-12 teachers across the country for the Teach for the Planet Challenge. The program aims to support high-impact hands-on classroom projects that promote sustainability education. To participate in the challenge, teachers can submit their best sustainability projects on DonorsChoose.org. The Allen Family Foundation will match all donations to qualifying projects. Projects must demonstrate innovation in the way an environmental or sustainability lesson is taught. DonorsChoose.org will choose sixty semifinalists, and an expert panel will narrow that down to three finalists per grade category (K-2, grades 3-5, grades 6-8, and high school). Finalists and their projects will be posted on Facebook in December 2014 and the public will be invited to vote for their favorite in each grade category. The teacher in each grade category whose project receives the most votes will receive a \$10,000 DonorsChoose.org gift card to apply toward future project requests. Finalists in each category will receive \$3,000 DonorsChoose.org gift cards, while semifinalists will receive \$750 gift cards.

**Award:** Up to \$10,000

**Deadline:** November 30, 2014

<http://www.donorschoose.org/teachfortheplanet?id=20483351&home=true>

## December 2014

### International Technology and Engineering Educators Association

The Foundation for Technology and Engineering Educators in cooperation with Pitsco/Hearlihy & Company proudly announces the \$2,000 Pitsco/Hearlihy/FTEE Grant in honor of Tom and Mary Hearlihy. The grant is for a technology and engineering teacher at any grade level (K-12). Its purpose is to recognize and encourage the integration of a quality technology and engineering education program within the school curriculum. Criteria includes: (1) evidence of an effective quality technology and engineering education program; (2) documented success in the integration of technology and engineering education with other academic subjects; and (3) plans for professional development via the anticipated grant.

**Award:** \$2,000

**Deadline:** December 1, 2014

<http://www.iteea.org/Awards/granthearlihy.htm>

### Sodexo Foundation Announces Stephen J. Brady STOP Hunger Scholarships

The Sodexo Foundation, which works to ensure that every child in the United States grows up with dependable access to enough nutritious food to fuel a healthy and productive life, is inviting applications for its Stephen J. Brady STOP Hunger Scholarship program. The national program honors the efforts of students — from kindergarten to graduate school — who are working to end hunger in the United States. The program honors students working to build awareness and mobilize youth as catalysts for innovative solutions to ending hunger in U.S. communities in their lifetime. To be eligible, students must be enrolled in an accredited education institution in the United States and be able to demonstrate an ongoing commitment to hunger-alleviation activities in their community. Up to five students will be selected as national winners, with each receiving a \$5,000 scholarship and a \$5,000 grant for their antihunger charity of choice.

**Award:** \$5,000 scholarship, \$5,000 grant for anti-hunger charity, and twenty \$1,000 donations to preferred charities

**Deadline:** December 5, 2014

[http://www.sodexofoundation.org/hunger\\_us/scholarships/scholarships.asp](http://www.sodexofoundation.org/hunger_us/scholarships/scholarships.asp)

## Terri Lynne Lokoff/Children's Tylenol National Child Care Teachers Awards

Recognizing the need to raise the status of child care teachers and the need for quality child care, the Terri Lynne Lokoff Child Care Foundation (TLLCCF) created the Terri Lynne Lokoff/Children's TYLENOL® National Child Care Teacher Awards. This award acknowledges the critical role of child care teachers in providing quality early care and education. Child care teachers from all 50 states, the District of Columbia and on U.S. Military bases and installations around the world are invited to apply. Fifty teachers are selected for their commitment and dedication to the children they serve. Of the top ten recipients, one is selected to receive the Helene Marks Award and is named the National Child Care Teacher of the Year. As a part of the application process, each applicant is asked to design a classroom enhancement project for the children they teach illustrating the educational, social, and emotional benefits of the project. A committee of early childhood educators and specialists review the applications. Award recipients receive \$1,000 - \$500 for the teacher's personal use and \$500 to implement the project. An award ceremony takes place each spring in Pennsylvania - hotel and transportation are provided for the recipients. The event celebrates the best and the most dedicated child care teachers.

**Award:** Up to \$1,000

**Deadline:** December 8, 2014

[http://www.tllccf.org/pr\\_nccta.php](http://www.tllccf.org/pr_nccta.php)

## Casio's LampFree® Projector Education Grant

Casio America, Inc.'s LampFree Projector Division is pleased to announce the Casio LampFree Education Grant Contest. Casio will provide (1) LampFree Ultra Short-Throw Projector to the (50) winning eligible schools from each state (one per state). To enter the grant contest, schools must first educate students on mercury and how it can affect a young person's health. At the end of the lesson students will be asked to write an essay on "How to reduce the hazards of mercury on a young person's health". Each school will select the best essay and submit it to this website. Then schools will ask family and friends to vote on the essay. The school with the most votes for their state will be awarded a mercury-free projector.

**Award:** Casio Ultra Short Throw projector worth \$2,000

**Deadline:** December 31, 2014

<http://www.casiolampfree.com/educationgrant>

## January

### Batters Up USA Equipment Grant

**NEW!**

Batters Up USA® provides free baseball/softball equipment, primarily bats, balls, tee ball sets, helmets, catcher's gear, and bases to local organizations to support the start up of new programs or to assist existing programs to grow. We serve boys and girls recreational programs up to age 13. Priority is given to those programs serving a high percentage of youth in need such as inner-city and after-school programs. We have contributed to many such programs run by Parks Departments, Schools, Boys and Girls Clubs, YMCA's Police Athletic Leagues, independent local leagues, Little League, and the other organized youth baseball/softball organization. We also support the American the American Baseball Federation Basic after-school reading/baseball program with equipment and reading materials. Batters Up USA® will provide the safety type baseballs and softballs so that the games may be played without gloves and to minimize the risk of ball impact injuries. Equipment will be provided on an 'as available' basis; first come, first served.

**Award:** Unspecified amount of baseball and softball equipment

**Deadline:** New grant applications open January 1, 2015

<http://www.battersupusa.org/Equipment.html>

## National School Library Program of the Year (NSLPY) Award honors

**NEW!**

Established in 1963, the National School Library Program of the Year (NSLPY) Award honors school library programs practicing their commitment to ensure that students and staff are effective users of ideas and information, as well as exemplifying implementation of American Association of School Librarian's learning standards and program guidelines. The award recognizes exemplary school library programs that are fully integrated into the school's curriculum. Exemplary school library programs ensure that the students and staff are effective users of ideas and information. These programs empower learners to be critical thinkers, enthusiastic readers, skillful researchers and ethical users of information.

**Award:** \$10,000

**Deadline:** January 1, 2015

<http://www.ala.org/aasl/awards/nslpy>

**NEW!**

## The Education Fund Teacher Mini-Grants Program

The Education Fund is now accepting applications for their Teacher Mini-Grant Program. Teacher Mini-Grants provide funds to teachers to develop and implement instructional projects that motivate and challenge students to learn. Proposals should be unique classroom projects that enliven and enrich the curriculum. Many past grants have included interdisciplinary, active-learning lessons. Others have reinforced learning through simulations or applied school work to real-life situations. Teacher Mini-Grants are awarded in all content areas. In addition, several grants will be funded in each of the following categories: Literary - Programs that motivate students to be lifelong readers & build in students a love of literature Robotics - Any hands-on project that provides materials for students to design, build and program robotics.

**Award:** Up to \$1,000

**Deadline:** January 3, 2014

<http://www.educationfund.org/programs/teacherminigrantsprogram/>



## American Association of University Women Community Action Grants

The American Association of University Women is now accepting application for 2014-15 Community Action Grants. Community Action Grants provide funds to individuals, as well as local community-based nonprofit organizations, for innovative programs or non-degree research projects that promote education and equality for women and girls. Applicants must be women who are U.S. citizens or permanent residents. Nonprofit organizations must be based in the United States. Grant projects must have direct public impact, be nonpartisan, and take place within the United States or its territories. Special consideration is given to projects focused on K-12 and community college girls' and women's achievements in science, technology, engineering, or math. American Association of University Women provides grants in two categories; one-year grants range from \$2,000 to \$7,000 and provide funding for community-based projects. Topic areas are unrestricted but should include a clearly defined activity that advances equity from women and girls. Two year grants range from \$5,000 to \$10,000 and provide start-ups funds for new projects that address the particular needs of the community and develop girls' sense of efficacy through leadership, advocacy, or training opportunities. Funds support planning activities, coalition building, implementation and evaluation.

**Award:** Up to \$10,000

**Deadline:** January 15, 2015

<http://www.aauw.org/what-we-do/educational-funding-and-awards/community-action-grants/>



## *Rolling Opportunities*

## Karma for Cara Foundation Mirco-Grants

**NEW!**

The Karma for Cara Foundation is encouraging kids 18 and under to apply for funds between \$250 and \$1,000 to complete service projects in their communities. Whether it is turning a vacant lot into a community garden, rebuilding a school playground or helping senior citizens get their homes ready for winter, they want to hear what project you're passionate about. Karma for Cara Foundation is a non-profit founded by 21-year-old Cara Becker and her family while she was being treated for leukemia at Johns Hopkins Kimmel Cancer Center in October of 2012.

**Award:** Up to \$1,000

**Deadline:** Rolling

[http://www.ysa.org/karma\\_for\\_cara\\_foundation](http://www.ysa.org/karma_for_cara_foundation)

## Kinder Morgan Foundation

The Kinder Morgan Foundation, the charitable arm of energy company Kinder Morgan, works to help today's science, math, and music students become the engineers, educators, and musicians who will support their diverse communities for years to come. The foundation supports K-12 programs that promote the academic and artistic interests of young people in cities and towns across North America where Kinder Morgan operates. Grants of up to \$5,000 will be awarded for academic programs including: tutoring; arts education programs; and environmental education programs that work with local schools and meets curriculum standards.

**Award:** \$5,000

**Deadline:** The tenth of every other month

[http://www.kindermorgan.com/community/km\\_foundation\\_guidelines.cfm](http://www.kindermorgan.com/community/km_foundation_guidelines.cfm)

## Seed Grants for Social Entrepreneurs

The Pollination Project is accepting applications from individuals working to make their community and the world a better place in the areas of arts and culture, community health and wellness, the environment, and justice. Seed grants of up to \$1,000 will be awarded to social entrepreneurs for projects in the early stages of development, including those that promote compassion toward all life (people, planet, and animals), environmental sustainability, justice in all its forms, community health and wellness, and social change-oriented arts and culture. To be eligible, applicants must be passionate, committed individuals with a social change vision that fits within one or more of the above-mentioned categories. Established nonprofit organizations with paid staff will not be considered.

**Award:** \$1,000

**Deadline:** Rolling

<http://thepollinationproject.org/funding-guidelines/>

## Chatlos Foundation, Inc. Grants

The Chatlos Foundation supports nonprofit organizations in the United States under the following areas of interests: Bible Colleges/Seminaries; Religious Causes; Medical Concerns; Liberal Arts Colleges and Social Concerns. Award ceiling: \$25,000 (varies by funding category). On an initial basis, the Foundation tends to fund requests for amounts less than \$10,000. There are no deadlines for submission of a request. All requests are responded to in writing. Only those nonprofit organizations based in the United States and recognized as tax exempt by the IRS may apply for a grant.

**Award:** \$10,000 to \$25,000 maximum

**Deadline:** Rolling

<http://www.chatlos.org/giving.htm>

## Family Literacy – Wish You Well Foundation

The Wish You Well Foundation provides grants to nonprofit organizations that promote family literacy in the United States. The focus of the Foundation's grant-making is on the development and expansion of new and existing literacy and educational programs. Grants generally range from \$2,000 to \$10,000. Requests may be submitted at any time and are reviewed four times per year. Visit the website to download the Donation Request Form.

**Award:** Up to \$10,000

**Deadline:** Rolling

<http://wishyouwellfoundation.org>

## Walmart Foundation - Community Giving Grant Programs

The Walmart Foundation offers grants in four key areas of focus: Hunger Relief & Healthy Eating; Sustainability; Women's Economic Empowerment; and Career Opportunity. Eligible applicants: Organizations with current tax-exempt status under Section 501(c)(3), (4), (6), or (19); Recognized government entities; K-12 Public Schools/Districts; Charter Schools; Community/Junior Colleges; State Colleges and Universities; and Private schools with current tax-exempt status under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code. Four different giving programs are offered: National, State, Local and Northwest Arkansas.

**Award:** Ceilings vary according to giving program

**Deadline:** Rolling

<http://foundation.walmart.com/apply-for-grants/>



## Surdna Foundation Thriving Cultures Program: Artistic Communities

This program honors and celebrates the artistic impulse as part of community behavior and as a way to strengthen community identity and cohesion. Grants are provided to nonprofit organizations that address the following three lines of work: (1) Teens' Artistic Advancement; (2) Artists Engaging in Social Change; and (3) Community Driven Design. Online letters of inquiry that focus on these areas are accepted throughout the year. Applications are accepted from nonprofit 501(c)(3) organizations that are based in the United States with U.S. based projects.

**Award:** \$35,000 to \$80,000 annually

**Deadline:** Various deadlines – see website, ongoing up to December 3, 2023

<http://www.surdna.org/what-we-fund/thriving-cultures/80.html>



## Do Something Seed Grants

Are you working to start a community action project or program with your friends? Do you need money to put your ideas into action? A \$500 Do Something Seed Grant is given out every week to help young people just like YOU! These grants can be used towards project ideas and programs that are just getting started, or to jump-start your program and realize your ideas for the first time. These grants can also be used towards projects that are already developed and sustainable, towards the next steps of your project and organization to help you as you look to expand your project and grow your impact.

**Award:** \$500

**Deadline:** Rolling

<https://www.dosomething.org/grants/database/do-something-1>



## Coral Gables Community Foundation

The mission of the Coral Gables Community Foundation is to foster program and initiatives that enhance the quality of life for people living and working in "The City Beautiful" Coral Gables. Grants are awarded in the Foundation's areas of interests which include: education; arts and culture; health services; historical preservation; and social services (for elderly, youth and disabled). Eligible applicants are 501(c)3 nonprofit organizations. Those wishing to apply for funding should write a letter stating the specific need for funding and attaching a copy of the organization's 501(c)(3) status.

**Award:** Various – ceiling not specified

**Deadline:** Grants are reviewed on a quarterly basis ongoing to October 30, 2023

<http://www.gablesfoundation.org/charitable-giving/grants>

## Fender Music Foundation Guitar Donation Program

The Fender Music Foundation provides instruments and equipment for eligible nonprofit music instruction programs. Applications are accepted on an ongoing basis. Awarded items are lightly used, blemished, or otherwise imperfect and have been collected by the foundation from manufacturers and retailers. The foundation is currently awarding acoustic guitars, electric guitars, acoustic-electric guitars, bass guitars, and the equipment necessary to play them. However, other traditional music instruments, including string, woodwind, brass, and percussion instruments, as well as keyboards, are sometimes available. The foundation awards instruments only to music instruction programs offered by public schools or 501(c)3 tax-exempt organizations. Eligible programs must involve either in-school music classes in which students make music; afterschool music programs that are not run by the school; community music programs that offer music instruction to community members; or music therapy programs in which the participants actively make music.

**Award:** Used musical instruments, as available

**Deadline:** Rolling

<http://www.fendermusicfoundation.org/>

## Community Improvement and Public Education

The Lowe's Charitable and Educational Foundation Community Grants range from \$5,000 to \$25,000 and are provided for community improvement initiatives and K-12 public education projects. Funding priorities for community improvement initiatives include park, neighborhood, and community facility enhancements; outdoor learning programs; and community clean-ups. Requests may be submitted at any time. Visit [www.lowes.com](http://www.lowes.com) to take the eligibility test and submit an online application.

**Award:** \$5,000 to \$25,000

**Deadline:** Rolling

[http://www.lowes.com/cd\\_Corporate+Citizenship\\_674540029](http://www.lowes.com/cd_Corporate+Citizenship_674540029)

## JP Morgan Chase Community Giving Program

The JPMorgan Chase Foundation directs the majority of its time, attention and investment toward specific neighborhoods in cities where they have major operations. These neighborhoods are typically among the most challenged areas of major urban centers, defined by unacceptably high rates of poverty and historic disinvestment. The firm's philanthropic investments are directed toward three primary focus areas: Community Development; Education; and Arts and Culture. To be considered for support, a potential grantee must first submit an online Letter of Inquiry. Grant applications may be submitted throughout the year.

**Award:** Eligibility and award ceiling not specified

**Deadline:** Rolling

<http://www.jpmorganchase.com/corporate/Corporate-Responsibility/grant-programs.htm>



## **Kaboom! Let's Play Joint Use Grants for Previously Unavailable Playgrounds**

Grant applications are accepted from communities working to establish joint use agreements to re-open playground and recreational facilities previously unavailable due to safety and upkeep concerns. Let's Play Joint Use grants will support creation of joint-use agreements between local governments and school districts that address cost concerns related to safety, vandalism, maintenance, and liability issues to re-open previously unavailable playgrounds and recreational facilities. Grants can be used for training and technical assistance, utilities and other building related to the extra use of the facility, legal fees, contract security services, and marketing campaigns related to the joint-use agreement. Grant recipients must commit to opening the playgrounds within twelve months of the grant decision.

**Award:** \$30,000

**Deadline:** Rolling

[http://kaboom.org/joint\\_use](http://kaboom.org/joint_use)

## **Easton Sports Development Foundation, Inc., Grants for Archery or Bow Hunting**

Each year, this foundation gives grants that benefit archery and bow hunting programs. Requests for less than \$25,000 are accepted at any time. Grant requests that exceed \$25,000 may also receive funding if submitted before March 1 or September 1 of each year. Applications may be submitted by schools and qualified 501(c)3 organizations. Applicants that are not qualified 501(c)3 organizations may also receive funding but may be required to submit additional information for the Grant Committee to review before making its decision.

**Award:** Amount not specified

**Deadline:** Rolling

<http://www.esdf.org/apply-for-grant/>

## **National Inclusion Project Grants**

Through this funder, financial assistance can be provided for a child to participate in approved inclusive programs. Any funding dispensed will be given to the approved program or organization. Families with a combined household income of less than \$75,000 are eligible to apply. Upon submission, a National Inclusion Project representative will contact the desired program to determine if the program will successfully include the child in order to designate them as an approved program. Recipients will be eligible for support for a maximum of two years. Applications are accepted year-round.

**Award:** \$1,000 for one year

**Deadline:** Rolling

<http://www.inclusionproject.org/for-programs/how-to-partner-with-us/>

## **World We Want Foundation - Youth for Social Change Projects**

The World We Want Foundation is accepting applications from organizations that represent youth making positive social change in their communities and around the world. Grants will be awarded to youth between the ages of 13 and 25 who want to make a difference through a range of social action activities, including community service projects, service-learning projects, and social ventures. Qualified applications must have a project team of one or more youths, a partner organization that supports and sponsors the team, and a project mentor to guide and advise the team.

**Award:** \$5,000

**Deadline:** Rolling

<http://theworldwewantfoundation.org/start-your-project>

## **Waste Management Charitable Giving**

Waste Management supports causes that promote civic pride, economic development and revitalization. Focus areas include: Environment (help provide renewable resources to reduce our dependence on fossil fuels and to conserving and maintaining wetlands, wildlife habitats and green spaces for people's enjoyment); Environmental Education (Support environmental education programs targeted at middle and high school students); and Causes important to the areas where we operate (programs that help make them cleaner and better places to live as identified by Local Waste Management facilities). The key to ensuring the preservation of the environment is learning about the importance of protecting it and acting in an environmentally responsible manner. Waste Management prefers to support environmental education programs targeted at middle and high school students. This includes environmental and science related projects, science fairs, Earth Day projects and others. Applications are accepted year round and are reviewed on a continuous basis. Expect about a two-month review time.

**Award:** On-going

**Deadline:** Rolling

<http://www.wm.com/about/community/charitable-giving.jsp>

## Vulnerable Children's Programs

The Dorothea Haus Ross Foundation supports nonprofits that serve vulnerable children in the United States and around the world. Grants offer direct aid to children in need, including those who are ill, orphaned, disabled, injured, abused, or malnourished as well as children who have limited access to education. Most grants are one-time awards in the range of \$1,000 to \$15,000. Letters of inquiry are accepted throughout the year. Visit their website to review the funding priorities and guidelines.

**Award:** \$1,000 to \$15,000

**Deadline:** On-going

[www.dhrossfoundation.org](http://www.dhrossfoundation.org)

## Alcoholism Awareness and Prevention

The Christopher D. Smithers Foundation seeks to inform the public that alcoholism is a treatable disease from which people can and do recover and encourages prevention programs and activities. Grants support a range of issues related to alcoholism, including prevention, treatment, research, public education, and creating awareness of alcoholism problems in the work world. While a number of grants go to national organizations, regional and local organizations across the country are also eligible to receive funds.

**Award:** Various

**Deadline:** On-going

[www.smithersfoundation.org](http://www.smithersfoundation.org)

## Pathway to Financial Success Grants for High School Financial Education

Pathway to Financial Success, a charitable program administered by Discover Financial Services, aims to arm parents and children with the skills they need to succeed, preparing them for a brighter, more responsible financial future. The program is accepting applications from public high schools in the United States that are planning to implement a financial education program into the curriculum. Eligibility: applications must be submitted by a public high school planning to implement a financial education curriculum; that have a measurement tool to assess participation in and comprehension of the financial education curriculum; and that agree to share the results of the tool's pre- and post-curriculum testing with Discover upon programs completion.

**Award:** Grant amounts will be assessed on a program-by-program basis.

**Deadline:** On-going

<http://www.pathwaytofinancialsuccess.org/get-a-grant>

## Enterprise Holdings Foundation Grants

The Foundation was established to allow the company to give back to the communities in which their customers and employees live and work. The Foundation provides charitable support to worthwhile, non-profit initiatives that are actively supported by the company's employees, their spouses and loyal customers in the thousands of local communities where they operate. The Foundation also provides more sizable special grants to non-profit groups or causes of significant strategic or social importance to the company and its employees.

**Award:** \$2,500 to \$5,000

**Deadline:** Rolling

<http://www.enterpriseholdings.com/about-us/corporate-citizenship/grant-faqs/>

## Kresge Foundation Arts and Culture Program Harvesting Leading Practices

The Kresge Foundation's Arts and Culture Program has opened a new grant opportunity for organizations integrating arts and culture into specific community revitalization work. For this call, the program will accept proposals for activities in traditionally disinvested communities that integrate arts and culture in: 1) Public green and civic spaces; and 2) Transit-oriented development projects. Examples include transit networks, "complete streets," sustainable landscapes, and other similar projects. Nonprofit and public entities are eligible to apply. Preliminary applications are accepted on an ongoing basis.

**Award:** Various

**Deadline:** Rolling

<http://kresge.org/programs/arts-culture/harvesting-leading-practice>

## First Book National Book Bank Offers Free Books

The First Book National Book Bank distributes large quantities of publisher-donated brand-new books to programs serving children from low-income families. Books are free to organizations that are able to pick them up or just \$0.85 per book to have them shipped. Eligible organizations must register with First Book and be a nonprofit organization serving at least 80% of children from low-income families, a Title 1 school, or a specially designated government institution.

**Award:** Brand-new books

**Deadline:** Rolling

<http://www.firstbook.org/first-book-story/innovation-in-publishing/national-book-bank>

## Recently Received a Grant?

**We want to hear about it!**

Send us an email ([msears@dadeschools.net](mailto:msears@dadeschools.net))

including the following:

- ✓ Name of school
- ✓ Grant program
- ✓ Purpose
- ✓ Awarded amount

Your school could be featured in our next newsletter.



**Want to learn  
how to write a  
grant?**

## Grant Trainings 2014-2015

Workshop	Date
Basics of Grant Writing	October 24, 2014
Intermediate Grant Writing*	November 4, 2014
Basics of Grant Writing	January 16, 2015
Basics of Grant Writing	February 17, 2015
Intermediate Grant Writing*	April 3, 2015

**\*Pre-requisite Required:** Basics of Grant Writing training or approval by Grants Administration.

To register for a workshop please follow the link provided: <http://calendar.dadeschools.net/cal/calendar.nsf>